Comelec meet today on parallel manual count

By Leila B. Salaverria

ALL IS NOT LOST FOR PROPONENTS OF the parallel manual count.

Spokesperson James Jimenez of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) yesterday said the poll body had not completely ruled out the proposal by multisectoral groups for a simultaneous manual tally at least in the races for president, vice president and mayors.

Jimenez said that while Commissioner Gregorio Larrazabal on Saturday ex-

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Yes, there is a religious vote in the country

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Our relationships with others reflect our own intimacy with God

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Fil-Canadian boy wins damage suit

By Jerome Aning

A HUMAN RIGHTS BODY IN CANADA has awarded 17,000 Canadian dollars (about P750,000) to a Filipino-Canadian boy who was scolded by his teacher for using a spoon to eat his lunch in the school cafeteria.

Canadian media reports reaching the

FIL-CANADIAN A4





QUIBOLOY SHOW Pastor Apollo Quiboloy (right photo) of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ watches the Disneyland-like parade at the religious group's Sunshine Land in Davao City on his birthday with presidential aspirants Bro. Eddie Villanueva of the Jesus is Lord movement and Sen. Richard Gordon. (Story on Page A11.)

Comelec exec tagged in secrecy folder deal

Old planes on DND shop list, says bet

By Philip C. Tubeza and Jocelyn R. Uy

YOU CAN'T MODERNIZE THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines by equipping it with 20-year-old planes and "surplus" hardware from other countries.

That was the message aired yesterday by Liberal Party (LP) senatorial candidate Ruffy Biazon after receiving what he said were reports from his "military sources" that Defense Secretary Norberto Gonzales was pushing for the "midnight" purchase of helicopters worth at least P1.2 billion.

Defense and Philippine Air Force (PAF) officials denied that Gonzales was batting for any specific purchases and said no decision had been reached on what equipment to buy.

Biazon, a representative from Muntinlupa, alleged that Gonzales

OLD PLANES A4



MISS EARTH TILT Kris Psyche Resus (center) of Infanta, Quezon, is hugged by other contestants after she won the Miss Philippines Earth 2010 during the coronation night at the Manila Ocean Park's Aquatica.

Lawyer says directive to suspend bidding defied

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE WINNING BIDDER IN the scuttled purchase by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) of ballot secrecy folders bagged a contract in 2008 after an election executive allegedly defied a directive of the poll body to postpone the bidding, a Comelec official said.

Lawyer Melchor Magdamo, who is assigned to the office of Comelec Chair Jose Melo, made the statement in an affidavit he submitted to a panel investigating the earlier decision to buy from OTC Paper Supply 1.8 million ballot secrecy folders at P380 each, a deal worth nearly P700 million.

The secrecy folder deal has since been junked, but the poll body has decided to probe the circumstances leading to its decision to buy the "extravagant" folders.

OTC has disputed claims that the folders were overpriced and has contested the Comelec decision not to push through with the contract.

Magdamo, in an interview, also disclosed that it was he who told Arwin Serrano of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) about the questionable price of the ballot secrecy folders.

COMELEC A21

Next president can't stop slays, says watchdog

LEADING CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 10 presidential election lack clear policies on how to deal with private armies, a US-based rights group said on Saturday, warning that political killings would continue.

Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, said he had met with Senators Benigno Aquino III and Manuel Villar and an aide of former President Joseph Estrada in the past three days.

The administration candidate, former Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr., declined a meeting, he said.

Both said Aquino told him that

NEXT PRESIDENT A22

Congress won't end reign of political dynasties

By Tony S. Bergonia
Assistant National Editor

(First of two parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

CONGRESS' REFUSAL TO PASS AN antidynasty law could just be one more proof that, quoting Henry Kissinger, "power is an aphrodisiac," says former Sen. Rene Saguisag.

No antidynasty bill ever reached the floor of either chamber of Congress for voting.

"Your search yielded no result," went the reply on the House website when a search on the subject of political dynasties was made.

It might as well be the epitaph on the tomb of the antidynasty measure.

"Defunded," Saguisag says, is the single most important ingredient lacking in the continuing process to stop political dynasties, "but it is long dead and gone."

The 1987 Constitution left no room for interpretation in Article II, Section 26: "The State shall guarantee equal access to opportunities for public service and prohibit political dynasties ..."

However, it left the task of defining dynasties and putting flesh into the prohibition to Congress, one institution teeming with legislators who are

CONGRESS A22



GRAND CHAMPION Tribu Paghidaet of Iloilo's Dinagyang Festival is adjudged grand winner of the Aliwan Fiesta 2010, a gathering of major cultural festivities in the country, in Pasay City.

Candidate Gloria hits campaign trail

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—IN her first sortie in Pampanga since the campaign period for local positions started on March 26, President Macapagal-Arroyo sang Pimentel's "Handog" on Saturday.

Pampanga gubernatorial candidate Lilia Pineda, a friend of the President's, joined her in singing the familiar Filipino tune about gratitude at a gymnasium in Lubao, hometown of Ms Arroyo's late father, former President Diosdado Macapagal.

Lakas-Kampi-CMD campaign coordinators and the rally's host, Romeo Homan, put Ms Arroyo on the spot during the program by asking her to sing.

The President granted the request of her "cabalen" (province mates) for a song. She embraced Pineda as they sang before some 3,000 people.

Ms Arroyo, however, was unfamiliar with the lyrics of Handog. Her voice was drowned

CANDIDATE A4



Yellow stick-on still a hit at 30

WASHINGTON—VHS TAPES and Walkmans may have been firmly cast into oblivion, but another 1980s invention, the Post-it Note, is marking its 30th anniversary this month as popular as ever.

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ANYTHING FOR VOTES

Palace: Witness may sway Agra

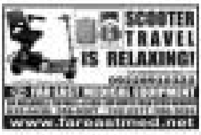
JUSTICE SECRETARY ALBERTO AGRA MAY RECONSIDER his controversial decision dropping multiple murder charges against two members of the Ampatuan clan, if reports are true that a new witness has surfaced implicating the two members in the November 2009 Maguindanao massacre, according to a Palace official.

Estrada: I have 3 witnesses against Villar



We'll defend app'ts anywhere–Palace





Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines

AN OPEN LETTER FROM CEAP ON THE MAY 2010 ELECTIONS

"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rules of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
(Ephesians 6: 11-12)



Charice vents on gossip, to record in Japan

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Old planes on DND shop list

Time for scrutiny

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Moving on

Canadian citizens now







UP PROTEST

Candidate Gloria …

Refrain

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Not known to sing

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US bill good for RP RTWs

THE NEXT PRESIdent should immediately push for the passage in the United States of a Senate measure that would make it easier for Philippine-made garments to enter that country, a local labor leader has said.

Ernesto Herrera, secretary general of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines, called on the next Philippine president to lobby for the passage of the Save Our Industries (Save) Act pending in the US Senate.

The Save Act is intended to help American textile manufacturers but Herrera said it would also benefit the Philippine garment industry.

"Once enacted, the bill would allow Philippine-made garments to enter the US with considerably fewer restrictions, as long as the clothes use American textiles," he said in a statement.

He said ready-to-wear (RTW) clothes made here but using American textiles would be levied lower duties, making the items more price-competitive in the US.

Another benefit, he said, is that the Philippines would be more attractive to US firms which could set up operations here and generate jobs.

Leila B. Salaverria

Teodoro keeps hope alive

Higher ed budget under LP–Roxas

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Pastor Q celebrates, but gets no vision

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Avoiding a majority at all costs

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Manuel L. Quezon III

An election upset unlike any other

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Countercheck poll results

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No final judgment yet on cases vs Yaranon

Greed is good, leads to national progress

Census taking an NSO mandate, not NSCB's

—CAROLINE S. ERICTA, administrator, National Statistics Office

Endless cycle of crimes

Across the NATION

ELECTION DAY WOE

Cordillera voters expecting confusion

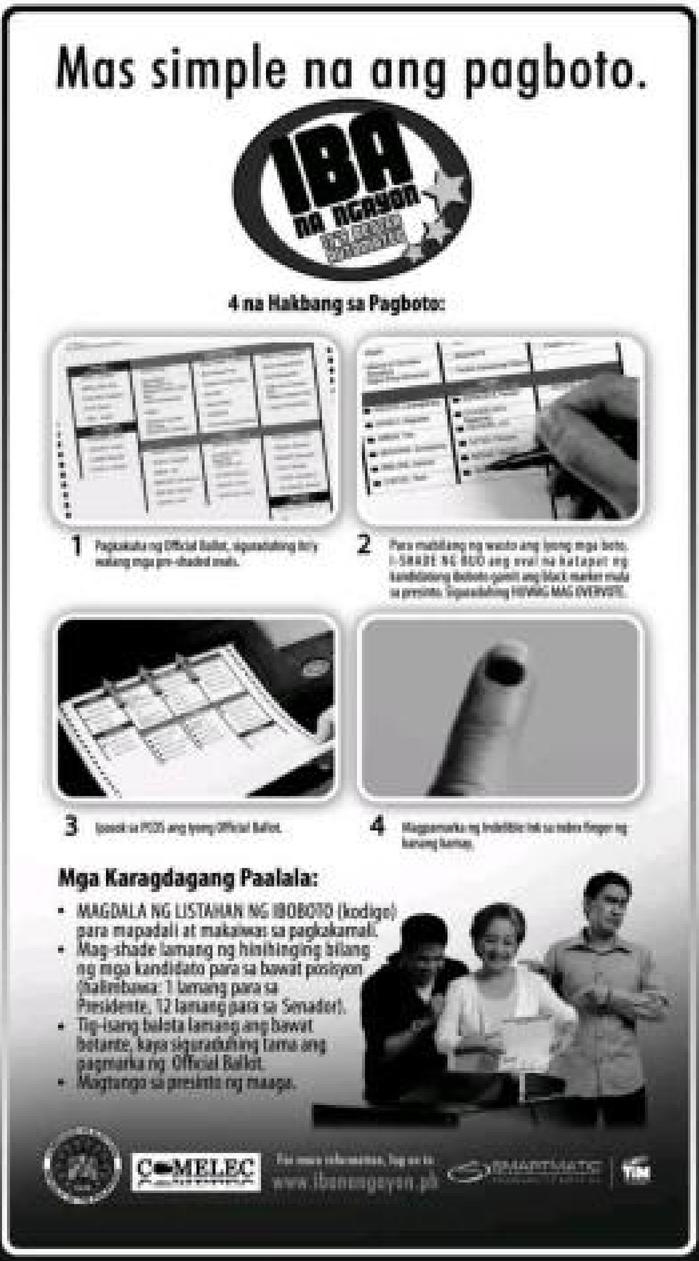


BAGUIO CITY—VOTERS IN THE CITY AND IN FIVE provinces of the Cordillera are expecting the May 10 elections to be more disorganized than what poll officials predict, based on the conditions of Cordillera's clustered precincts.

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Group wants to save Pampanga from 'dark forces'

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—ARE WE TO surrender Pampanga to the Pinedas?

About 100 lay people, professionals, civic and business leaders pondered over this question in a gathering on Friday night, fearing that a victory for former Board Member Lilia Pineda would drive away investors and usher in violence due to her family's supposed link to illegal gambling, said Fr. Roel Lumanlan, SVD.

"They're concerned. They love Pampanga. They want to save Pampanga from the dark forces of illegal gambling, from an era of warlordism and another Maguindanao massacre," said Lumanlan, who attended the assembly of the newly formed Kapampangans for Good Governance.

"It's just a small group," said Lumanlan, one of the group's convenors. His congregation of Catholic missionary priests, the SVD (Society of the Divine Word), runs a justice and peace program in the province.

"It's not our concern to delve on Among Ed's (Gov. Eddie Panlilio, a Catholic priest) shortcomings and his accomplishments. Our concern now is Pampanga," he said.

Those who showed up in the event are leaders in their respective sectors, it was learned. Most of them have stayed out of politics. Some are former or current supporters of Panlilio. Reporters were not invited to cover the event.

Asked why the assembly was held merely three weeks before the May 10 elections, Lumanlan said they were worried that Panlilio would "show no match to the current show of machinery and money of Lilia Pineda."

In the 2000 impeachment trial of former President Joseph Estrada, Pineda's husband, Rodolfo or Bong, was identified by former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson as among those who helped Estrada amass ill-gotten wealth.

Reached by phone on Saturday, Lilia Pineda said she felt bad that some people had reacted this way to her candidacy.

She said she would not be distracted from her goal of leading the province because her intentions were good.

She declined to talk about her husband's businesses, saying only that he was a "good man."

Bong Pineda has not been visible in the campaign activities of his wife, unlike what he did in 2007.

In February this year, the Commission on Elections declared Pineda the winner in the 2007 elections through a recount she initiated. The Supreme Court has not yet acted on her petition to be installed as governor.

Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon

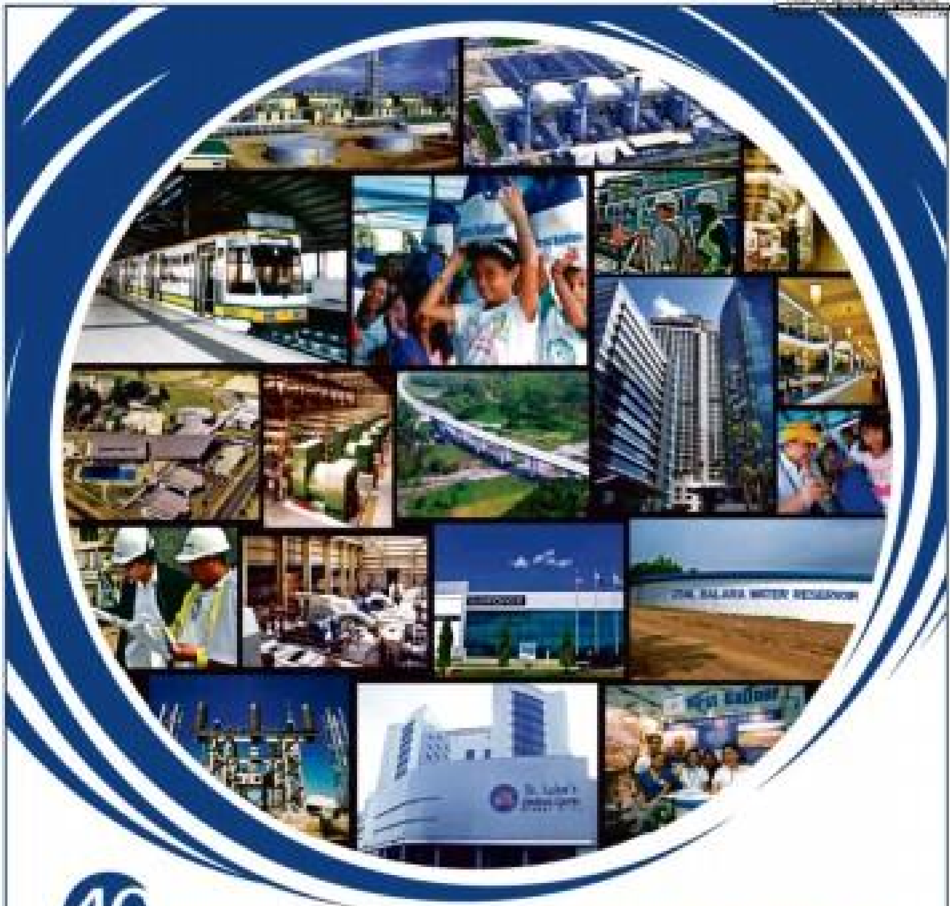




THE TANDEM of Lilia Pineda and Vice Gov. Joseller Guiao is back but in this rematch, Gov. Eddie Panlilio is joined by businessman Marco Lazatin.

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More poll-related killings in provinces



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Open letter to Melo

Signature campaign

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Greener note

Comelec exec tagged in secrecy folder deal



JOSE Tolentino Jr., Comelec executive director, tries the PCOS machine at the poll body's office in Intramuros, Manila.

Jose Tolentino

Highly irregular

Folder design

Syndicate

'Surprising turns' extend Comelec probe

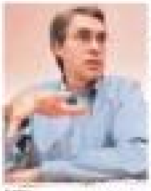
By Kristine L. Alave

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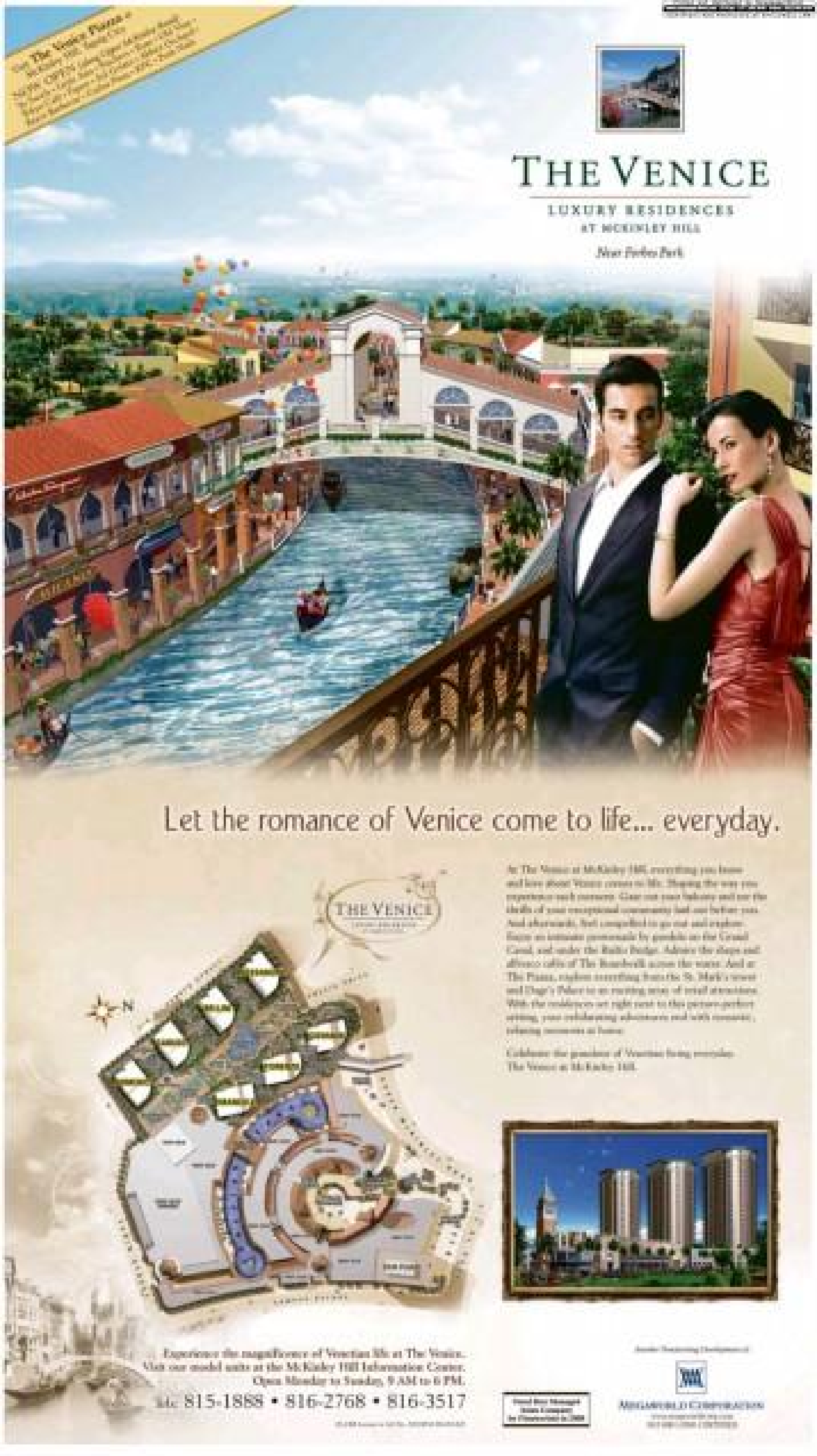
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BIR STOPPED FROM FREEZING CITY GOV'T ASSETS

Makati gets reprieve from tax court

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE COURT OF TAX APPEALS HAS ISSUED AN order stopping the freezing of the Makati City government's assets, according to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

Revenue Commissioner Joel L. Tan-Torres, however, said the temporary restraining order was not yet official as the bureau has not received a copy of the document, adding that the BIR was considering filing a motion for reconsideration.

The bureau earlier asked the Land Bank of the Philippines to freeze a bank account of the Makati government containing P1.15 billion as part of its campaign to collect P1.3 billion in back taxes from the city.

Tan-Torres said the BIR would now want to secure a surety bond from city hall.

"The TRO has conditions," he said. "As in the case of Shell, a surety bond may cover at least P1 billion which could be doubled."

The BIR chief was referring to Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., from which the Bureau of Customs (BoC) has been trying to collect P7.3 billion in excise taxes on imported petroleum products.

The case against Shell is also being heard by the tax court with the oil firm insisting that it has no liability to the BoC.

Last week, LandBank informed the BIR that it could not freeze the bank account of the Makati City government, citing previous court decisions prohibiting the seizure or freezing of public funds.

But Tan-Torres said the bank only wanted some clarification on how to go about the garnishment in view of the legal obstacles.

"We have prepared a letter to Land Bank on this but we have not sent it because the TRO would make it moot," he said.

He added that "we were to make our clarification and present the necessary documents. Land Bank will have no choice but to freeze the account."

A letter from Land Bank dated April 13 cited a circular and a decision issued by the Supreme Court which stated that all money claims against the government must first be filed with the Commission on Audit and that public funds could only be used for purposes for which these were appropriated.

The BIR chief said the issuance of garnishment was meant to secure payment from Makati in case the city government refuses to settle its obligation.

Earlier this month, Tan-Torres said the BIR was planning to seize vehicles belonging to Makati City Hall as local government officials' efforts in settling the unpaid taxes were "not really moving forward."

The BIR earlier filed with the city's Register of Deeds a warrant of distraint and levy, the issuance of which means the BIR has a lien on the assets, a kind of security interest granted over an item of property to secure the payment of an obligation such as a debt.

In a decision dated Dec. 18, 2009, the Court of Tax Appeals ordered Makati City Hall to pay the BIR more than P1.3 billion in unpaid taxes from 1999 to 2004.

Based on the BIR's assessment, which the local government unit has been contesting, the amount covers unpaid withholding taxes on government workers' salaries, value-added taxes and withholding taxes on VAT.



FLOWER CHILD
A participant in the Aliwan Fiesta 2010 competition peers out from under a colorful display of flowers. The annual event brings together participants from different regions who give spectators a glimpse of the festivals celebrated in their areas.



FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Man about to leave for job overseas commits suicide

By Jeannette I. Andrade

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The WORLD

Torpedo likely sank warship, Seoul says



SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—AN explosion from a torpedo likely sank a South Korean warship that went down near the tense border with North Korea last month, the South's defense minister said Sunday amid growing speculation Pyongyang may be behind the blast.

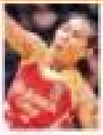
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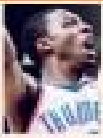


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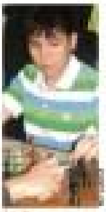


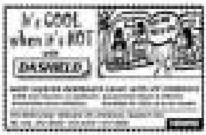


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So scores again, grabs solo lead















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Chief Justice Puno Sports Hall of Fame guest

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Lady Stags rip Tigresses

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Pursuing dreams in a plaza

ONE GAME AT A TIME



Llamados, Gin Kings to suit up new imports

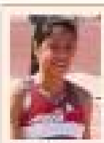
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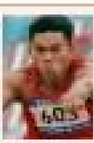
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San Andres pips tough Mongolian

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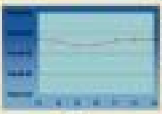
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— *Doris C. Dumlao*

Ongpin, Zobel, Campos are new majority owners

By Doris C. Dumlao

DIVERSIFYING SAN MIGUEL CORP. IS CEDING A controlling 60-percent stake in two key power-generation subsidiaries operating the San Roque hydroelectric plant, the coal-fired Sual power plant and the Ilijan gas plant in favor of local fund Global 5000 Investments Inc.


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Ban US, EU carriers in RP

By Miguel R. Ho

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Romero group willing to dilute N. Harbor stake

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SM property unit to raise P5B from private debt offer

By Doris C. Dumlao

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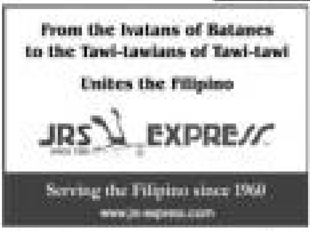
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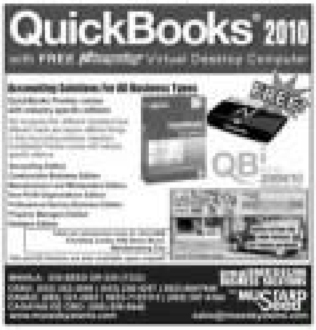


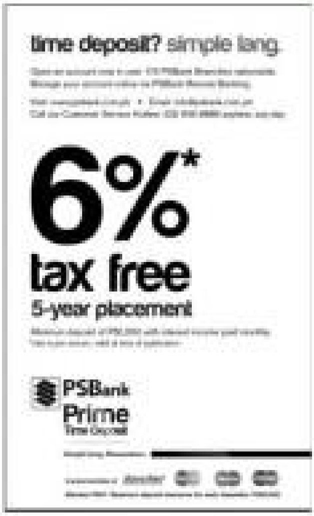














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Strong peso cripples exporters

Manufacturers hang tough as they churn out quality products

By Abigail L. Ho

WHEN THE UNITED STATES MARKET suffers an ache, Philippine exporters suffer too. The United States continues to be the country's biggest bilateral trading partner, and most indigenous exporters rely on the American market for bulk of their sales.

The global economic downturn, which started in the United States in late 2008 and rippled across markets around the world, caught local exporters off guard. Many of them, whether big or small firms, had to resort to various painful measures just to stay afloat. Some of them, sadly, had to close shop.

After consecutive quarters of decline, however, the export market started to recover, bouncing back to the black during the last quarter of 2009.

But now local exporters have to contend with another "enemy"—the increasingly strengthening peso.

In an interview at the Manila Furnishings and Apparel Manufacturers Exchange (MAME) International trade show Thursday, ...

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TRADE Secretary Jesli Lapus looks at exhibits of Filipino exporters at the Manila Fame International Trade show.

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Flawed change strategy

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ESTRADA

Highland growers now eyeing strawberry terraces

Strong peso hits exporters hard

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plans. "To cope with the crisis, we reconfigured some of our designs, producing smaller-sized products that we can also price lower."

He says things look a lot more rosy on the export front this year, as major markets such as the United States, Europe and the Middle East show signs of recovery from the crisis.

For 2010, he sees the 10-year-old firm and Fital may register growth of around 20-30 percent, depending on the products and how fast the global market recovers.

"But a better exchange rate will help accelerate that growth. We're hoping for [a] level [illegible] level," he says.

In another interview, Roberto Locsin, general manager of furniture manufacturer Locsin International, says the market really is getting better, with orders starting to pick up. But the current exchange rate situation has proven to be a burden for local furniture exporters.

"Sales will be better this year, but the downside is the forex," Locsin says. "We've already adjusted our prices (according to an exchange rate of) P46-[illegible]. We can actually be comfortable at any forex level, but we'll have more buyers if the rate was at P46-P47 to a dollar."

Debt-ridden

Aurelia Sardiojas of Cebu-based accessories manufacturer Aurelia Jewelry Arts says her company is now knee-deep in debt as a result of the strong peso.

While demand had hardly let up during the crisis period, buyers would pay later than usual—frequently at the time of delivery—leaving the company little cash with which to buy raw materials for other orders and to pay its 100 or so workers, Sardiojas relates.

With the exchange rate now at the P44-[illegible] level, she says the company is finding it more difficult to cope with the situation.

"We're not closing shop because we're motivated by the demand that we're getting from buyers. But we really are just struggling right now. The strong peso is really hurting our business. Some of our peers have already closed shop. We're really just praying for survival," she says.

Having the exchange rate go back to the P47-[illegible] level, she says, will work wonders for the industry.

"At that level, we'll have better margins," Sardiojas says.

For indigenous exporters, the average exchange rate threshold is P46 to a dollar, Philippine Exporters Confederation president Sergio Ortiz-Luis says in an earlier interview.

With the exchange rate now hovering closer to the P44-[illegible] mark, many small exporters have already stopped taking orders.

In the last two months of 2009, when the export sector bounced back to the black after months of decline, many indigenous exporters started rehiring workers and ramping up operations, according to Ortiz-Luis.

However, given the current exchange rate, he says most of them have again decided to cut down on production and reduce headcount.

Not losing hope

But exporters are not losing hope.

Even in the face of a crisis, Locsin International continued to push forward, churning out better products to be able to better compete in a cash-strapped market with a strong local currency, Locsin relates.

"You have to come up with better products all the time. Better products always sell in any market," says Locsin, a 30-year veteran in the industry.

Locsin International sells most of its products abroad. Its distributors are located mostly in the United States, Europe and the Middle East. Asian markets also provide some boost to company sales, as well as the still largely untapped Latin American market. Domestic sales are also rising for the company.

Apart from coming up with increasingly better products, sourcing materials locally helped the company cope with the crisis, Locsin says.

Abula says Fital and Fital also uses local materials, a lot of which are wood and mother of pearl. This practice shielded the company from risks arising from fluctuating foreign exchange rates.

Aurelia's company also managed to remain afloat by constantly coming up with high quality accessories that could beat the lower-priced counterparts from China and India.

"They may sell cheaper accessories, but we have better designs and quality. That's why buyers keep coming back to us," Aurelia's Sardiojas says.

Local outlets also carry Aurelia pieces. Most are boutiques located at the Rockwell mall in Quezon City and the Powerplant Mall in Rockwell.

Leading local designer Rajo Laurel, who bought three sculptures of the Aurelia brand. "Foresthe [illegible] more regular.

"These are what inspire us. The demand is there, but we do need help. We're struggling, but we're staying because we believe that things will get better," Sardiojas says.

By Delmar Cariño
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THE country's best strawberries are grown in this town's valley, but they may be thriving soon on mountain slopes in nearby upland towns.

Industry leaders believe that strawberry terraces carved out of mountainsides will help ease the plight of vegetable farmers who are constantly worrying about unsteady market demand and crop prices.

La Trinidad produces 1,400 metric tons of strawberries a year from 74 hectares of land cultivated by some 590 farmers in Betag, Pellosmon, Puguis and Pico.

During the first strawberry industry summit at the Benguet State University (BSU) here on Thursday, Belinda Tiibaen, the municipal agriculturist, said all of Benguet's major vegetable-

Health experts cite rise in demand for fruit-based wellness products

producing towns might consider converting strawberries to a major crop.

"It's highly possible. In fact, aside from La Trinidad, there are other towns cultivating strawberries, though not on a commercial scale," she says.

This town may be known as the country's strawberry capital, but other highland towns may consider building strawberry terraces, she says.

Dr. Salvador Baday, BSU research director, says strawberry producing has already expanded to Tuba, Itogon, Tublay, Bakun and Kibungan towns.

More extensive research must be done on varieties that can adapt to each town to ensure quality production and supply, he explains.

Alexander Tello, third research specialist of the local agriculture office, says the towns must first study their peculiar climate patterns to determine the proper planting calendar.

The idea of building strawberry terraces has pleased officials of Philippine Food Processors and Exporters Organization Inc. (Philfoodex) who attended the summit.

Emmanuel Reyes, co-chair of Philfoodex's membership committee, says the group is interested in helping local strawberry producers penetrate markets abroad.

"The export potentials of strawberries are very strong," he said.

Philfoodex has expressed support for the joint commitment of the Benguet and La Trinidad governments, the Department of Agriculture, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD), BSU, Department of Trade and Industry, and the Highland Agriculture and Resources Research and Development Consortium (HARRDEC) to turn the local strawberry industry into a major business enterprise.

Dr. Richard Juanillo, PCARRD deputy executive director, says that a "strawberry board" will be set in planning strategies for market and product development of local strawberries.

Juanillo says the growth of the "nutraceutical industry"—the business of manufacturing products for wellness and health—has increased demand for strawberries.

"The strawberry lip gloss, lotion and soap fall under this category," he says.



In Naga, docs take matters into their own hands

Specialists gain competitive edge by pooling resources





Japan brand may be the last word in energy solutions

> Solar-powered charging stations and Eneloop bikes are already being used in some parts of Japan, and Sanyo is eager to roll out the system in other parts of the world

BUSINESS *Monday*

Ayala takes tech route to China



JAIME Augusto Zobel de Ayala

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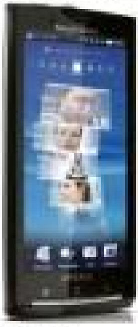
JUST ABOUT EVERY PHILIPPINE CONGLOMERATE wanting to enter the booming China market has done so through the property market.

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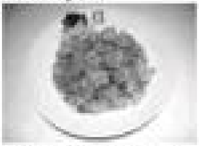
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Filipino volunteers take root





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New heritage law seeks to establish Sentro Rizal across the globe

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

AFTER 16 YEARS OF BRAINstorming by the private and public sectors, congressional hearings and long meetings with technical working groups, the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009 was signed into law at long last by President Macapagal-Arroyo on March 26.

Expressions of appreciation are in order for those who tirelessly worked for the passage of the law, especially for Sen. Edgardo Angara who is its principal author.

On the NGO side, thanks go to Gemma Cruz Araneta and Ivan Henares of the Heritage Conservation Society.

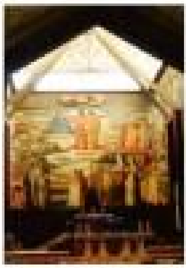
Henares listed the significant and interesting points regarding the 23-page document: Republic Act No. 10066—An Act Providing for the Protection and Conservation of the National Cultural Heritage, Strengthening the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and Its Affiliated Cultural Agencies and for Other Purposes.

A section seeks to protect "cultural property" against "exportation, modification or demolition."

Unless declared already by the pertinent cultural agency (National Commission for Culture and the Arts, National Historical Institute, National Museum and National Archives), the following would be declared "cultural property":

- Works by a Manlilikha ng Bayan (National Folk Artist) or by a National Artist
- Archaeological and traditional ethnographic materials
- Works by National Heroes
- Marked structures

HERITAGE/C4



BASILICA of Annunciation upper level

Christian sites in the Holy Land

Text and photos by Dante R. Morillo
Contributor

FOR A COUNTRY ROUGHLY 13 times smaller than the Philippines, Israel has much to offer in terms of religion, architecture, agriculture and technology.

But for Filipino Catholics, the lure of Israel will always be the Old City of Jerusalem. A walled city much like Intramuros, the Old City is divided into four quarters—Armenian, Christian, Jewish and Muslim.

It is the location of the Church of the

CHRISTIAN/C4



BASILICA of Annunciation lower grotto



VIA DOLOROSA 9th Station: Jesus Falls 3rd Time



GREEK Orthodox Calvary inside Holy Sepulchre Church

Christian sites in the Holy Land



CHURCH of Multiplication

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Holy Sepulchre, where it is believed that Jesus Christ was crucified and buried.

Certainly the most meaningful route to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is the Via Dolorosa, which follows Christ's journey to Calvary after he was condemned by Pilate. Entry can be made through the Lion's Gate, one of seven that remains open east of the Old City.

The route passes through the busy streets of the Muslim Quarter of the Old City and ends at the Christian Quarter. Praying at each Station, especially the first nine, may prove challenging as tourists are plentiful and the streets are narrow; getting lost is very common.

The 10th-14th Stations are inside the Holy Sepulchre Church, and it can be all the more crowded especially at the last Station, where people wait an hour or so waiting in a long line leading down to the Tomb of Christ.

Galilee

North of Israel, some 90 miles from Jerusalem, is Galilee. This region is known for many of Christ's public works, such as the miracles of the multiplication of the fish and loaves and of walking on water. It is also the site of the Sermon on the Mount.

Today, churches have been built to commemorate these significant events. One such is the Church of the Multiplication in Tabgha.

According to the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the present church was constructed in 1982 and followed the same plan of the 5th-century Byzantine church destroyed by the Persians in 614. The church's interior is quite simple except for the wonderfully crafted mosaics that cover the floor.

At the center, of course, is the sacred stone believed to be the exact place where Christ fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two pieces of fish.

A glass covering on the right side of the altar protects what remains of the original church. Served by the Benedictines since 1939, it is also a daughter house of the Dormition Abbey.

Before the miracle was the account where Christ enunciated the eight Beatitudes. Set on a small hill with a nice view of the Sea of Galilee is the Franciscan-run Church of the Beatitudes.

Located 60 meters from the Church of the Multiplication, this one-story building is surmounted by a [illegible] octagonal church and dome. The late Pope John Paul II visited this church in March 2000 and delivered his statement here just as Pope Paul VI had done in January 1964.

Nazareth

While Nazareth is inhabited by some 60,000 Arab citizens, it is of great importance to Christians as this was where Christ spent most of His childhood.

Nazareth is where the angel Gabriel announced the news to Mary that she would be bearing the Child Jesus. A Spanish pilgrim, Lady Egeria, visited Nazareth in 383 and was shown an altar inside a cave where Mary had supposedly lived.

The current church is already the fifth reconstruction. Designed by Giovanni Muzio, it is divided into two levels. The upper level has a 55-M cupola which allows natural sunlight to illuminate the altar while the lower level enshrines the grotto believed to be the site of Mary's original house.

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EDICULE of Holy Sepulchre



CHURCH of Beatitudes



POPE John Paul II vestment at Church of Beatitudes

Filipino artists dialogue with Prado greats

"EL PRADO PROJECT: DIALOGUE WITH the Masters" will open April 29 at the Ayala Museum.

In the exhibit a number of local contemporary artists were invited to create works that interpret or re-visualize selected masterpieces in the collection of Museo Nacional del Prado in Madrid, Spain. They focused on the paintings by Diego Velazquez, Francisco Goya, Francisco Zurbaran and El Greco.

Participating artists include Andre Alcala, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Pablo Baens Santos, [illegible], Grace Caballero, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Ferdinand Montalban, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Marcio "Nito" Nuñez, [illegible], Jonathan Sabiano, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], and Carmen Brias Montemayor.

"El Prado Project: Dialogue with the Masters" is organized in partnership with the Embassy of Spain in collaboration with Museo Nacional del Prado, Spain, with the participation of contemporary Spanish and Filipino artists. It is curated by [illegible], Ayala Museum senior curator, and Grace Caballero.

Curators' talk is set on May 5. The exhibition will run until May 16. Call 7577117 to 21 local 35 or visit www.ayalamuseum.org.

Ayala Museum is located at the corner of Makati Avenue and De la Rosa Street, Greenbelt Park, Makati City.


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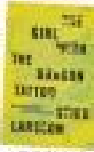


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'Girl with the Dragon Tattoo'—from book to film and back

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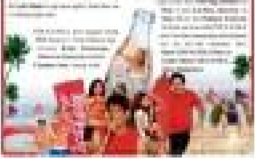
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Jonahmar Salvosa's sculptural 'doodles'



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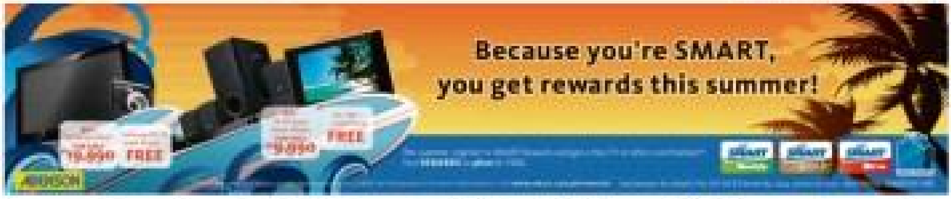
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Expect dancing at LRT 2 on April 29

Let's dance! It's International Dance Day

By Walter Ang
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US-based Filipino dancer comes home to Steps dance school







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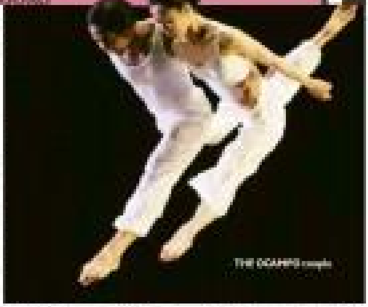
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US-based Filipino dancer comes home to Steps dance school



THE OCAMPO couple

IN THE WORLD OF DANCE, the best dancers often become the most dedicated teachers. Paul Ocampo, a Filipino dancer and dance professor based in the US, has proven himself to be among the best. At the 2009 American Dance Guild Performance Festival held at the Manhattan Movement and Arts Center, Ocampo and Chien-Ying Wang, his dance partner "on and off the stage," choreographed and performed a piece entitled "Equanimity." Considered an important event promoting dance education in the US, the annual festival gathers American and international artists while honoring distinguished figures in dance. And in this festival, Ocampo and Wang were singled out by New York Times dance critic Roslyn Sulcas as exceptional.

This summer, Ocampo is bringing this exceptional talent back home to the Philippines as he teaches at Steps Dance Studio.

Ocampo started his professional training with Ballet Philippines (BP). He later worked with the Singapore Dance Theatre. Since then, he has trained with many acclaimed choreographers, both Filipino and foreign. These include Alice Reyes, Denisa Reyes, the late Tony Fabella, Agnes Locsin, Norma Jamieson, Peter Birgfeld, Bill Morgan and Norman Walker [some names illegible].

But even before the professional training, the passion was already there. "It seemed like I got the bug at an early age. Dance comes naturally to us Filipinos. It is an integral part of our growing up," he said.

As a student at the Mountain Maple High School, he was already active in the folk dance troupe. He also had his first taste of classical ballet at the Academy of Performing Arts. While his passion for dance continued in college, he also saw wisdom in his late father's advice. "Dad always told me to have something to fall back on," Ocampo said.

While taking up [illegible] at the University of the East, he joined the UE Dance Troupe under the tutelage of Grace Carlapal [illegible]. In fact, his being a member of the dance troupe even helped finance his studies.

Still, the call to pursue a career in dance persisted. Ocampo joined BP in 1984, where he expanded his understanding of dance as an art form. The rigors of training also inculcated in him a sense of discipline. It was there that he decided to dance professionally.

"I received a scholarship to take classes at a professional level. These were all gifts and blessings that led from one step to the next," he said. "Looking back, I think Alice Reyes [illegible] the artistic director noticed that I have talent. Perhaps, she also sensed my passion."

This passion has opened up many opportunities for Ocampo. With BP and the Singapore Dance Theatre, he started participating in international festivals. He also started developing his talent as a choreographer and a dance teacher. His versatility as an artist—dancer, choreographer, teacher—has brought him to different parts of the world.

Teacher

As a dance teacher, he has shared his expertise in three different continents—Asia, Europe and North America. He also earned for himself a Master in Fine Arts degree from the Ohio State University.

The highly competitive world of dance has recognized his talent, as shown by his numerous awards: the [illegible] Young Artist Award, grants from the National Arts Council (Singapore), the Lee Foundation, the Powell Dance Panel and the Utah Arts Council. He has been invited to perform with the Repertory Dance Theatre in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the National Taiwan University of Arts.

At present, Ocampo is a professor at the Southern Utah University where he teaches modern dance, ballet, composition, folk and cultural forms, and movement for actors.



CHIEN-Ying Wang

After 20 years abroad, Ocampo has been thinking about teaching again in the Philippines. The right moment came when longtime friend and fellow dancer Saba Zobel-Elizalde invited him to teach at Steps Dance Studio, where she serves as director.

"We had always discussed the possibility of having Paul collaborate with Steps, so we are happy to have this opportunity to finally work together once again," Zobel-Elizalde said.

Together with his wife, Chien-Ying Wang, Ocampo will conduct classes in classical ballet, contemporary dance, composition and improvisation. He added: "The students will learn an eclectic style of movement and my [illegible] approach of using the most economical energy of moving the body in space."

A culminating activity for participants in Steps' summer classes is the Summer Concert. This year, the dance students will have the chance to perform a piece especially choreographed by Ocampo and Wang.

Ocampo's innovative approach to dance education is in line with Steps' goal of molding not only excellent dancers but well-rounded individuals. "We encourage all our students to learn all the different styles of dance, and then it is up to them to choose what they would like to specialize in," Zobel-Elizalde said. "Training in dance encourages discipline and hard work, whether or not a student becomes a professional. They learn about dedication, discipline and especially the benefits that dance can give."

Steps is committed to championing dance as an important art form, and a part of our cultural heritage. "There always believed that arts and culture is representative of who we are. The Philippines has lots of talent that has to be nurtured and honed to give our audience a sense of pride," said Zobel-Elizalde.

Steps Dance Studio Summer Dance Workshop ends May 29. Concert will be on May 30 at the CCP Main Theater. For inquiries, call Angie Cervantes at 7572006/0458472.

Filipino works from KL exhibit now in Bencab Museum

THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION to the 24th Asian International Art Exhibition (AIAE) at the National Gallery in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, will hold a homecoming show at the Bencab Museum in Bengued near Baguio City starting May 1.

Participating artists are Justin Abalio, Dindy Arcaño, Ben Cabrera, Ronaldo, Anazel Limcaco-Dorn, Joy Mallari, Romeo Cabuja, Susan Fetalvero-Roces and Anna Vierosa [some names illegible].

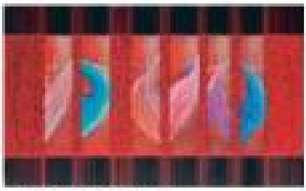
Their works will be on exhibit at the Indigo Gallery of the Bencab Museum (Km 6 Asin Road, Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet; call 074-4427165; e-mail museum.bencab@gmail.com; www.bencabmuseum.org).



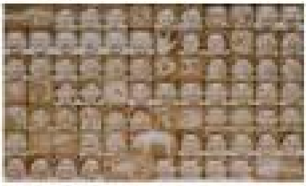
"THE JOKER," by Justin Abalio

The AIAE was initiated in 1985 by Korea, Taiwan and Japan, and is now participated in by over 14 countries taking turns in hosting the event.

Apart from the works shown in Kuala Lumpur exhibition, each artist is including another work to complete the collection. The exhibit runs until June 1.



"SALIDIL," by Susan Fetalvero-Roces



"BULONG-BULUNGAN," by Joy Mallari

VISUAL ARTS

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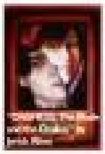
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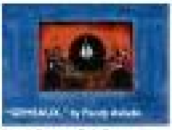
Villanueva, Martinez at Magnet

Young museum-guide workshop at UP Vargas

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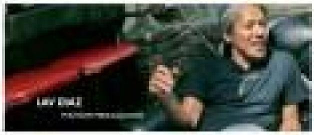
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Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

Allison Iraheta at Robinsons

SEASON EIGHT "AMERICAN IDOL" finalist Allison Iraheta performs on May 4, 5 p.m., at Midtown Atrium, Robinsons Place Manila. She will sign copies of her album at the activity area, where freebies will also be raffled off.

SHOW TIME



LAV DIAZ

Filipino film in decade's Top 10 list

Lav Diaz's 10-hour epic handpicked by international magazine

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

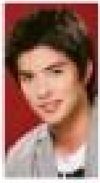
THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE INTERNATIONAL film magazine Cinema Scope has picked Lav Diaz's 10-hour epic "Ebolusyon ng Isang Pamilyang Pilipino" as among the Top 10 Films of the Decade.

Quite coincidentally, Diaz shot "Ebolusyon" for 10 years as well, from 1994 to 2004.

The other films in the Cinema Scope list are Jia Zhangke's "Platform" (2000); Pedro Costa's

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OVERHEARD



"I'M A FREELANCER, but most of my shows are now with GMA 7. I'm open to working with any station. Basta where there's work, I'm there. From TV5 to GMA 7, even Discovery Channel and National Geographic." —former Kapamilya-turned-Kapuso, who says he enjoys working with different networks. *Bayani San Diego Jr.*

"Lots of people say, 'Black Eyed Peas music is simple,' and I'll be like, 'Yes, fool, it's the most simple s--- you ever could believe, that's the reason it works everywhere around the planet.'" —Will.i.am to the cover story of Rolling Stone magazine.

"You can't really know who you are and where you're going unless you know where you come from." —Bruce Springsteen after receiving on Thursday the Ellis Island Family Heritage Award, which is given to immigrants or their descendants "who have made a major contribution to the American experience."

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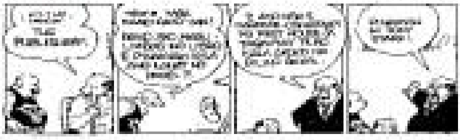
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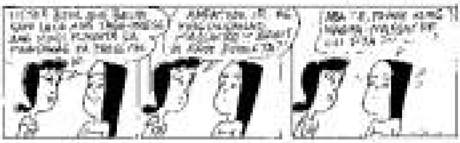
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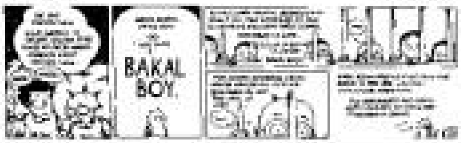
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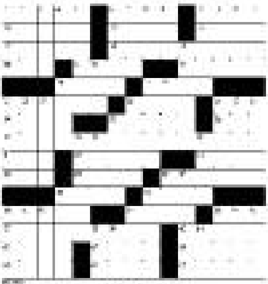
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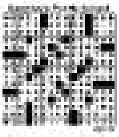
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Filipino film in decade's…

'All this acclaim could do Filipinos a world of good'

'Level playing field'

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Glorious 'Glee'



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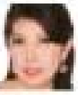


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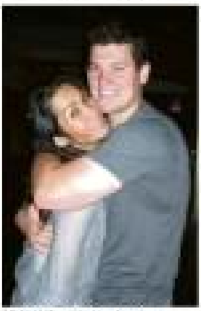
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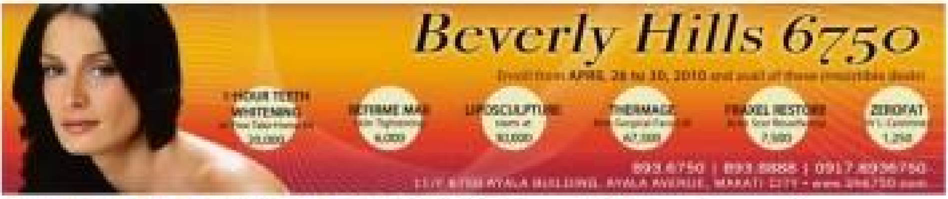


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TAKE FIVE

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This is a farm

A cyber farm, that is, and the owner is a celebrity

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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF Isak Dinesen, author of "Out of Africa," these local stars also have a farm each, in FarmVille.

Between takes, or on their days off, these celebrities have become "virtual" farmers—"plowing" their land and harvesting their crops in FarmVille, a "real-time farm simulation" game on the social networking site Facebook.

According to Net reports, FarmVille is the "most popular game" in cyberspace. Since its launch in June last year, the game has attracted 82.4 million active users—including these film and television stars.

Not a few Filipino celebs have confessed to being addicted to FarmVille and to other online games like Café World, FishVille, Happy Aquarium, Pet Society, Mafia Wars, PetVille, and Social City, among others.

A self-confessed Facebook addict, comedienne Ai Ai de las Alas is such an earnest player, that she has FarmVille properties.

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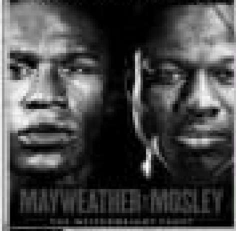
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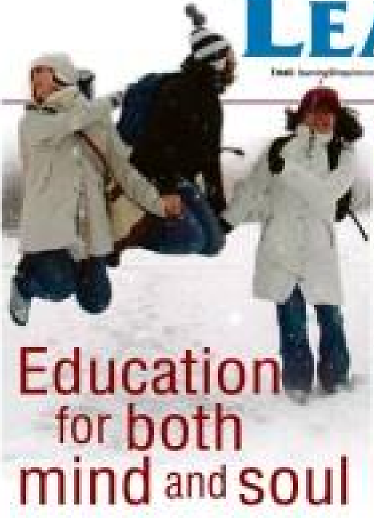


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Mar Roxas

Love of country before personal ambition



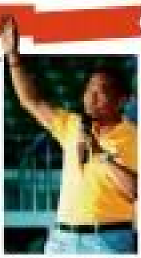
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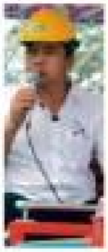
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